

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 19, 2006, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following amendments and remarks. Submitted herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 19, 2006, now set to expire December 19, 2006. The required fees are submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Conclusions** begin on page 10 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the United States Patent & Trademark Office on December 18, 2006 through its EFS-Web electronic filing system.

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